

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING POSTAGE INDICIA OVER A DATA COMMUNICATION NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Postage is obtained by sending user-requests for postage to a first server system. The first
5 server system then communicates with a postage vendor server to obtain the desired postage.
In one embodiment, the postage vendor server system receives payment for postage from
each user requesting postage. In another embodiment, the postage vendor server receives
payment from the first server system on behalf of the users purchasing postage.

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